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A VISIT TO THE CHESTER TANK DEPOT (1943)

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To the Director

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The American M-12 self-propelled gun which in the report I described as experimental (a 155 m.m. gun) has been mounted on the 18-M5 medium tank chassis, for stability it has special folding trail spades. It has gone into mass production. On 5.5.43 at the despatching arsenal in CHESTER [wo][a] saw about a hundred such equipments ready to be sent to the units.

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Note: [a] The verb is plural, but the person is unspecified in the original.

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